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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF INTERNAL OVERSIGHT SERVICES

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 29th, 31st and resumed 64th meetings, on 21 and 27 November 1995 and 3 June 1996. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.29, 31 and 64).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 15 November 1994 to 30 June 1995 (A/50/459);

(b) Comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/50/459/Add.1);

(c) Report of the Office of Inspections and Investigations, 1993-1994 (A/49/449);

(d) Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services:

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(i) Programme and administrative practices of the secretariats of the regional commissions for Africa, Western Asia and Europe (A/49/891);

(ii) Programme and administrative practices of the Centre for Human Rights (A/49/892);

(iii) Audit of the United Nations Protection Force personnel pilot project (A/49/914);

(iv) Field Administration and Logistics Division, Department of Peace-keeping Operations (A/49/959);

(v) Programme and administrative practices of the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (A/50/719);

(vi) Audit of the United Nations access control system project (A/50/791);

(vii) Audit of procurement handled by the Contracts and Procurement Service of the Department for Development Support and Management Services (A/50/945).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/50/L.45

4. At the resumed 64th meeting, on 3 June, the representative of Portugal introduced a draft resolution entitled "Activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services" (A/C.5/50/L.45), submitted by the Chairman of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.45 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/218 B of 29 July 1994, in which it decided to establish an Office of Internal Oversight Services under the authority of the Secretary-General,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the annual report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, 1/ and takes note also of the views expressed by Member States;

2. Also takes note of the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, 2/ and decides to consider those reports under the relevant item of the agenda;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to entrust to the Office of Internal Oversight Services, in line with General Assembly resolution 48/218 B, the maintenance of close cooperation with the Joint Inspection Unit and the Board of Auditors, so that the comments of those bodies on the reports of the Office, and the Secretary-General's comments thereon, may be considered, as appropriate, by the Assembly together with the reports of the Office;

4. Reaffirms that procedures for recruitment and promotion applied to personnel of the Office of Internal Oversight Services should be consistent with those applied to the Secretariat.

1/ A/50/459.

2/ A/49/891, A/49/892, A/49/914, A/49/959, A/50/719, A/50/791 and A/50/945.